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6 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
8 **WESTERN DIVISION**
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10 JOHN DOE on Behalf of Himself and
11 Others Similarly Situated,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 YARDI SYSTEMS, INC., and
15 RENTGROW, INC.

16 Defendants.
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Case No.: 2:23-cv-10118-DOC-JC

**ORDER GRANTING
PLAINTIFF JOHN DOE'S
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO
PROCEED IN PSEUDONYM
AND FOR PROTECTIVE
ORDER [13]**

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19 Before the Court is Plaintiff's motion for leave to proceed in pseudonym and
20 for a protective order pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c)(1) in order to protect his
21 identity and where there is no less drastic means available to do so. Service has not
22 yet been obtained with respect to the Defendants. As a result, counsel for the Plaintiff
23 has been unable to confer with counsel for Defendants and obtain their position with
24 respect to this Motion.
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1 Having considered the matter, and deeming it proper and just to do so, the
2 Motion shall be and hereby is **GRANTED**. The Plaintiff may proceed in
3 pseudonym, without prejudice to the Defendants. Henceforth, the Plaintiff shall be
4 entitled to the protection of the pseudonym "John Doe" on all publicly-filed
5 pleadings, papers, and exhibits. Discovery may be exchanged without redaction of
6 the Plaintiff's name.
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9 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**
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12 Dated: December 8, 2023

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13 HONORABLE DAVID O. CARTER
14 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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